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NITZAVIM: FIRE AND BRIMSTONE...AGAIN?

This guide corresponds to the video: [Fire and Brimstone... Again?](#)

TEACHER'S GUIDE



POINTS TO PAUSE



DISCUSSION TOPICS

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| ▪ BEFORE THE VIDEO | | What happens if someone violates the covenant with God? |
| ▪ 1:40 | | Why does the Torah compare to Sodom here? |
| ▪ 4:20 | | Does anything remind us of Sodom here? |
| ▪ 5:31 | | Why does the Torah feel the need to tell us about these people? |
| ▪ 9:33 | | How are Abraham and his descendants meant to be a blessing? |
| ▪ AFTER THE VIDEO | | How can we show the world God's ways? |



FROM PRINCIPLE TO PRACTICE

Daniel discusses how there are different ways people be role models, including being virtuous or using the immoral as role models as to how not to live.

Thinking about our own lives, who are your role models? Are they role models for how to live or how not to live? What kind of role model are you?

CHECKING FOR UNDERSTANDING

What is Samson Raphael Hirsch's explanation?

What are the connections between this narrative and Sodom?

What are the sinner and Abraham different in their explanations?

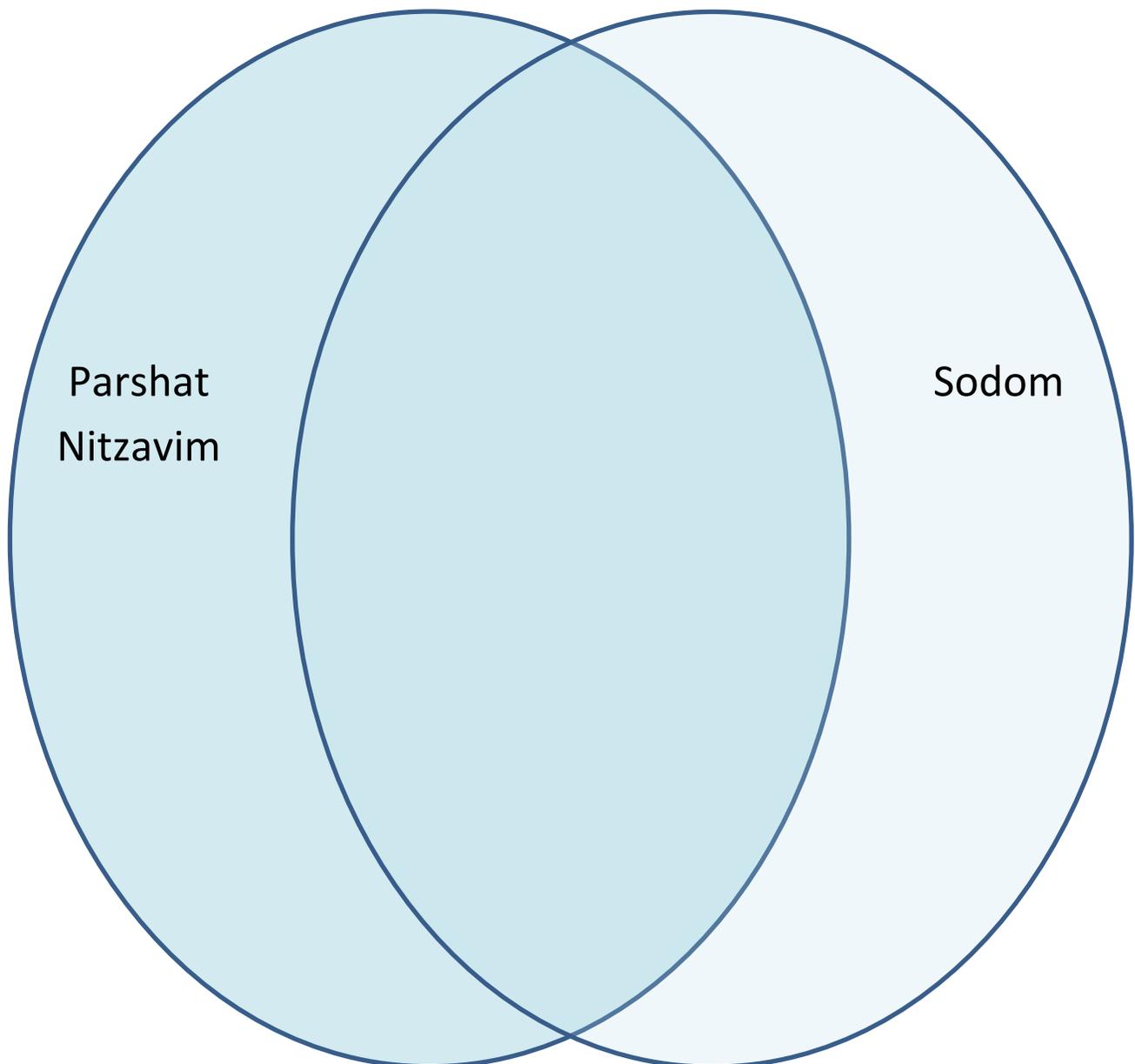


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STUDENT GUIDE

Graphic: As you watch the video, use the graphic below to note the overlap between these two narratives.



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| Deuteronomy 29:18-24 | דברים כ"ט |
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| <p>(18)When such a one hears the words of these sanctions, he may fancy himself immune, thinking, "I shall be safe, though I follow my own willful heart"—to the utter ruin of moist and dry alike.</p> <p>(19)The LORD will never forgive him; rather will the LORD's anger and passion rage against that man, till every sanction recorded in this book comes down upon him, and the LORD blots out his name from under heaven.</p> <p>(20)The LORD will single them out from all the tribes of Israel for misfortune, in accordance with all the sanctions of the covenant recorded in this book of Teaching.</p> <p>(21)And later generations will ask—the children who succeed you, and foreigners who come from distant lands and see the plagues and diseases that the LORD has inflicted upon that land,</p> <p>(22)all its soil devastated by sulfur and salt, beyond sowing and producing, no grass growing in it, just like the upheaval of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, which the LORD overthrew in His fierce anger—</p> <p>(23)all nations will ask, "Why did the LORD do thus to this land? Wherefore that awful wrath?"</p> <p>(24)They will be told, "Because they forsook the covenant that the LORD, God of their fathers, made with them when He freed them from the land of Egypt;</p> | <p>(י"ח) וְהָיָה בְשִׁמְעוֹ אֶת־דְּבָרֵי הָאֱלֹהִים הַזֵּאת וְהִתְבַּרַךְ בְּלִבּוֹ לֵאמֹר שְׁלוֹם יְהִי־לִי כִּי בְּשִׁרְרוֹתַי לִבִּי אֵלְגָּה לְמַעַן סְפוֹת הַחֲוָה אֶת־הַצְּמֵאָה:</p> <p>(י"ט) לֹא־יִאֲבֹה יְהוָה סְלַח לוֹ כִּי אָז יַעֲשֶׂן אֶף־יְהוָה וְקִנְאֹתוֹ בְּאִישׁ הַהוּא וְרִבְצָה בּוֹ כָּל־הָאֱלֹהִים הַכְּתוּבָה בְּסֵפֶר הַזֶּה וּמָחָה יְהוָה אֶת־שְׁמוֹ מִתַּחַת הַשָּׁמַיִם:</p> <p>(כ) וְהִבְדִּילוּ יְהוָה לְרַעַה מִכָּל־שִׁבְטֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל כָּל־אֲלוֹת הַבְּרִיּוֹת הַכְּתוּבָה בְּסֵפֶר הַתּוֹרָה הַזֶּה:</p> <p>(כ"א) וְאָמְרוּ הַדּוֹר הָאַחֲרוֹן בְּנֵיכֶם אֲשֶׁר יִקְוּמוּ מֵאַחֲרֵיכֶם וְהִנְכִּרְוּ אֲשֶׁר יָבֵא מֵאַרְצוֹ רְחוֹקָה וְרָאוּ אֶת־מַצּוֹת הָאָרֶץ הַהִוא וְאֶת־תַּחֲלָאִיהָ אֲשֶׁר־חָלָה יְהוָה בָּהּ:</p> <p>(כ"ב) וְגִפְרִית וּמֶלַח שִׁרְפָה כָּל־אַרְצָהּ לֹא תִזְרַע וְלֹא תִצְמַח וְלֹא־יַעֲלֶה בָּהּ כֵּל־עֵשֶׂב כַּמְהַפְּכֹת סֹדֶם וְעִמְרָה אֲדָמָה וְצִבְיִים [וְצִבְאוֹ] אֲשֶׁר הִפָּךְ יְהוָה בְּאַפּוֹ וּבְחַמְתּוֹ:</p> <p>(כ"ג) וְאָמְרוּ כָּל־הַגּוֹיִם עַל־מָה עָשָׂה יְהוָה בְּכֶה לְאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת מֵהַ חֲרִי הָאֵף הַגָּדוֹל הַזֶּה:</p> <p>(כ"ד) וְאָמְרוּ עַל אֲשֶׁר עָזְבוּ אֶת־בְּרִית יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתָם אֲשֶׁר כָּרַת עִמָּם בְּהוֹצִיאֹו אֹתָם מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם:</p> |

| Genesis 18:17-19 | בראשית י"ח |
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| <p>(17)Now the LORD had said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do,</p> <p>(18)since Abraham is to become a great and populous nation and all the nations of the earth are to bless themselves by him?</p> <p>(19)For I have singled him out, that he may instruct his children and his posterity to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is just and right, in order that the LORD may bring about for Abraham what He has promised him."</p> | <p>(י"ז) וַיְהִי וְהוּא אָמַר הַמְכַסֶּה אֲנִי מֵאַבְרָהָם אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי עֹשֶׂה:</p> <p>(י"ח) וְאַבְרָהָם הָיָה לְגִי וְהָיָה לְגִי גָדוֹל וְעַצוּם וְנִבְרַכְוּ בּוֹ כָּל־גּוֹי הָאָרֶץ:</p> <p>(י"ט) כִּי יִדְעֹתִי לְמַעַן אֲשֶׁר יִצְוָה אֶת־בְּנָיו וְאֶת־בֵּיתוֹ אֲחֲרָיו וְשִׁמְרוּ דְרָךְ יְהוָה לַעֲשׂוֹת צְדָקָה וּמִשְׁפָּט לְמַעַן הִבִּיא יְהוָה עַל־אַבְרָהָם אֶת־אֲשֶׁר־דִּבֶּר עָלָיו:</p> |